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The Phantom Eagle
Flies the Savage Skies!

SECRET WARS

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THE MULTIVERSE WAS DESTROYED!

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NOW ALL THAT REMAINS...IS **BATTLEWORLD**: A MASSIVE, PATCHWORK PLANET COMPOSED OF THE FRAGMENTS OF WORLDS THAT NO LONGER EXIST, MAINTAINED BY THE IRON WILL OF ITS GOD AND MASTER, VICTOR VON DOOM!

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EACH REGION IS A DOMAIN UNTO ITSELF!

FLYING ACE (AND GENERAL JERK) KARL KAUFMANN WENT AGAINST HIS USUAL M.O. TO FLY A PASSENGER, THE FETCHING CLEMMIE FRANKLIN-COX, IN ORDER TO PAY OFF A DEBT AND... WELL, DID WE MENTION SHE WAS FETCHING? BUT THEIR PLANE GOT BLOWN OFF COURSE AND CLEMMIE AND KARL FIND THEMSELVES IN A LESS HOSPITABLE REGION OF BATTLEWORLD...

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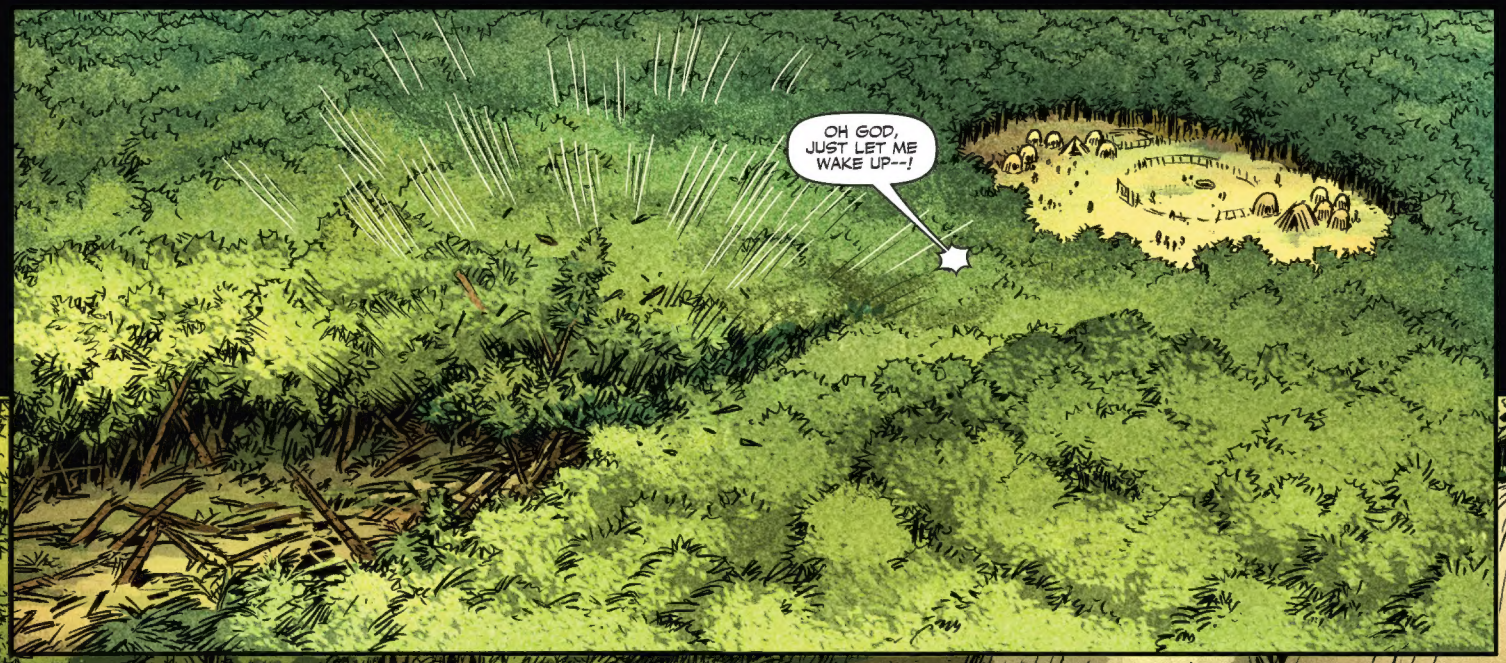
AAAAAAAAAHH!!
AAAAAAAAHH! AAAAAAAHH! AAAAAAAAHH!
HELP ME! PLEASE! HELP!
FOR GOD'S SAKE SOMEONE HELP
MMEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE

OH GOD-
OH NO-

NIGHTMARE, SOME KIND OF AWFUL NIGHTMARE-


OH GOD, JUST LET ME WAKE UP--!

NAAAAH!!

ONKONGA?
B'BUK?
BEEBOO...!

MUH...MUH... MUH...!

M'GOKKO!!

RRRRRAAAAAARRRRRR
AAAAA!!!!EEE! M'GOKKO!
M'GOKKO!
M'GOKKO!
AAAAA!!!!EEEEE!
2: MEET THE KING

THERE YOU ARE.
WHERE THE HELL WERE YOU...?
WELL– *HERE*...
YOU DIDN'T THINK TO...COME AND HELP...?
GOSH, NO. IT ALL SOUNDED PERFECTLY HORRID.
JESUS WEPT.
WELL, THERE WASN'T AN AWFUL LOT I COULD DO, WAS THERE? ONCE IT WAS OBVIOUS THE BEAST HAD CHOSEN TO PURSUE *YOU*, I THOUGHT THE SMARTEST OPTION WOULD BE TO COME BACK HERE AND HOLD THE FORT.
AS IT WERE.
I COULD HAVE USED SOME BACKUP. SEEING AS YOU'RE AS HOT WITH THIS THING AS YOU ARE.
WELL, I DON'T THINK .303 BALL IS LIKELY TO HAVE MUCH EFFECT ON A SEVEN-TON TYRANNOSAURUS REX...

COME AGAIN?
ANYWAY, YOU'VE SURVIVED, SO JOLLY GOOD. I TAKE IT THE CREATURE LOST INTEREST?

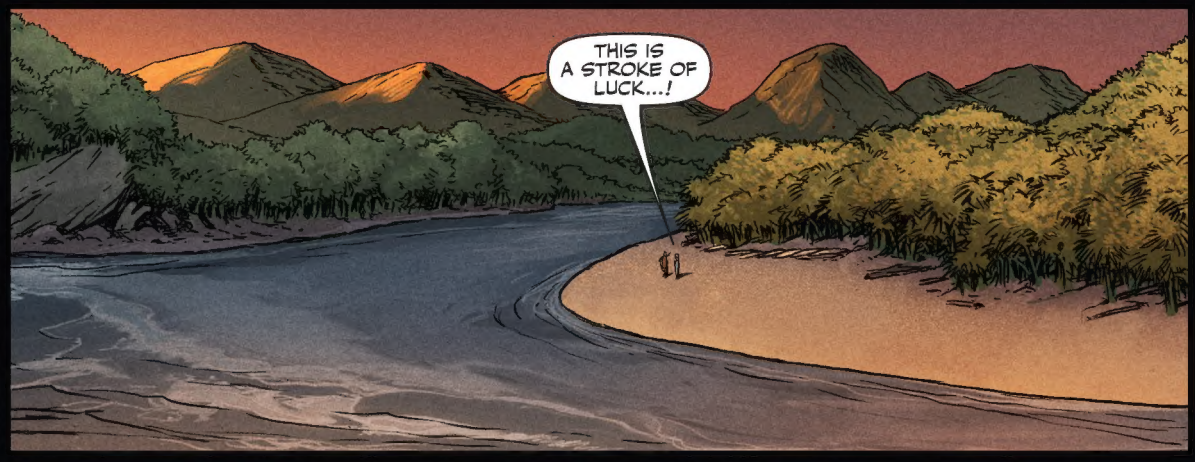
IT'S SLEEPING OFF LUNCH. LONG STORY.
SPLENDID.
NOW, IT OCCURS TO ME THAT THIS RIVER WILL EVENTUALLY ARRIVE AT THE OCEAN, AS RIVERS ARE BOUND TO DO. SO IF WE FOLLOW IT...

YOU WANT TO GO STROLLING OFF THROUGH THE JUNGLE, IS THAT THE IDEA? HAVE YOU GIVEN ANY THOUGHT TO WHAT ELSE MIGHT BE PROWLING AROUND IN THERE?
WELL, IF THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY IS INDEED RIFE WITH DANGEROUS PREHISTORIC FAUNA, I WOULD STRONGLY RECOMMEND NOT LINGERING.
THE OCEAN MEANS SHIPS. SHIPS MEAN RESCUE.

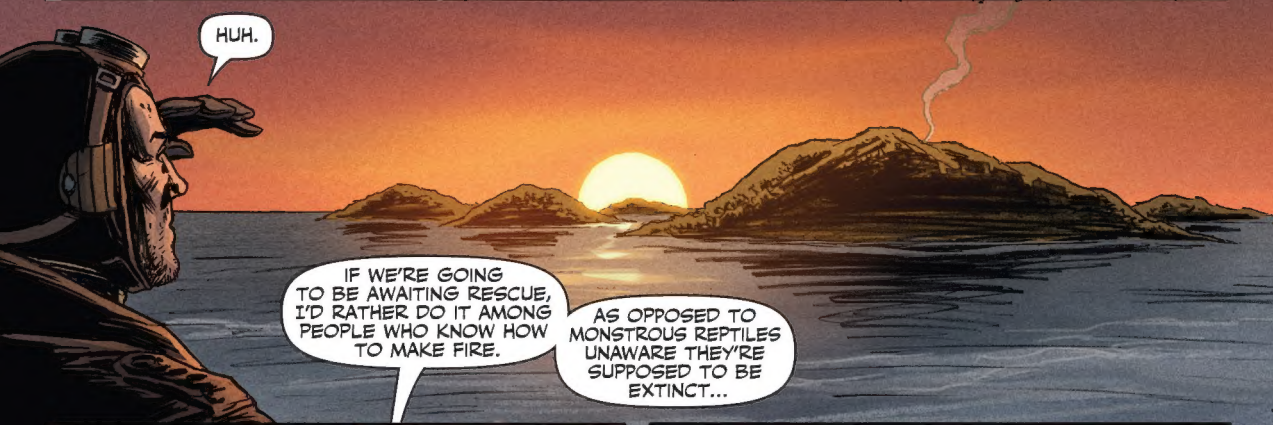
OR DO YOU HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE SCHEME IN MIND?
WELL, I WAS THINKING ABOUT MAYBE REPAIRING THE BRISFIT...
HOW, PRAY TELL?

UH...
MM.
WHY DON'T YOU BE A DEAR AND CARRY THAT?

...JUST SEEMS KIND OF QUEER TO ME, THAT'S ALL. A WIFE TRAVELING THROUGH THE MYSTERIOUS ORIENT ON HER OWN, COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM HER HUSBAND.
HE WENT AHEAD TO INSPECT OUR PLANTATIONS IN NORTHERN MALAYA. HE'S WELL AWARE THE ONLY INTEREST I HAVE IN TEA IS DRINKING IT.
HE WASN'T CONCERNED FOR YOUR SAFETY?
HE KNOWS I'M PERFECTLY CAPABLE.
SO CAPABLE YOU MANAGED TO GET ON THE WRONG TRAIN, I SEEM TO RECALL...
NOBODY'S PERFECT, MISTER KAUFMANN. AS I'M CERTAIN A MOMENT'S SELF-EXAMINATION WILL REVEAL.
YOU'RE A PRETTY INDEPENDENT CHARACTER, AREN'T YOU? WHAT ARE YOU, SOME KIND OF SUFFRAGETTE?
WELL, I CERTAINLY SEEM TO BE SUFFERING YOU.
WHAT?
NOTHING...


THIS IS A STROKE OF LUCK...!

YOU PLANNING A LITTLE EXCURSION, OR SOMETHING?
HAVE A LOOK OUT TO SEA.


HUH.
IF WE'RE GOING TO BE AWAITING RESCUE, I'D RATHER DO IT AMONG PEOPLE WHO KNOW HOW TO MAKE FIRE.
AS OPPOSED TO MONSTROUS REPTILES UNAWARE THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO BE EXTINCT...

BUT THAT COULD BE ANYONE OUT THERE! IT COULD BE CANNIBALS!
I'LL TAKE THE POSSIBILITY OF GETTING COOKED OVER THE NEAR-CERTAINTY OF BEING DEVOURED ALIVE. YOU STAY HERE IF YOU LIKE.

WE SHOULD PROBABLY START OUT IN THE MORNING, YES?
MAKES SENSE.
BE BEST TO AVOID LIGHTING A FIRE, IF WE DON'T WANT TO ATTRACT ANY GUESTS.
AGREED.
'COURSE, THERE ARE OTHER WAYS WE CAN KEEP WARM–
I'LL DIE FIRST.
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM?
YOU CAN SLEEP A HUNDRED YARDS OVER THERE.
OH, COME ON! WE'RE OUT HERE IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE, NO ONE'S GOING TO KNOW!
GOOD POINT. I'D HAVE TO CARRY THE UNBEARABLE TRUTH ALONE.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT, I MEAN IF IT COMES TO IT YOU CAN ALWAYS HAVE A... WHATCHAMACALLIT... ABORTION?
EQUALLY, I COULD ABORT YOU.

MY UNCLE RONNIE CARRIED THIS AT OMDURMAN.
HE SHOT A LOT OF SAVAGES WITH IT.

GAHH--!
OH, DEAR, AM I THE FIRST FEMALE WITH TEMERITY ENOUGH TO TURN YOU DOWN?
GIANT LIZARDS AND PUSHY BROADS! WHAT THE HELL IS THE WORLD COMING TO?

YOU KNOW, I CAME OUT OF THE WAR THINKING I WAS OWED SOMETHING. I FOUGHT, I BLED–BUT ALL I FOUND WAITING FOR ME WAS DAMES LIKE YOU GETTING THE VOTE IN ENGLAND, AND LOUSY, STINKING PROHIBITION BACK HOME.
SO I THOUGHT, OKAY, LET'S GO EAST. LET'S GO SOMEWHERE A MAN CAN BE A MAN.

I BOUGHT THE KITE AND STARTED FLYING–PEOPLE OR CONTRABAND, NO QUESTIONS ASKED. I HAD A NICE LITTLE RACKET GOING, I WAS MY OWN BOSS.
AND NOW HERE YOU ARE TO BRING THAT LOUSY WORLD OF YOURS TO *ME*...

LET'S MAKE IT TWO HUNDRED YARDS, SHALL WE?
GLADLY!

OH, THESE LITTLE THINGS ARE USELESS--!
YES, I THINK I MIGHT KNOW WHO THE OWNERS ARE...
IT'LL TAKE US ALL DAY AT THIS RATE. HONESTLY.
STILL HEADING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION?
GIVE IT ABOUT TEN DEGREES TO STARBOARD.
RIGHT-HO.
GOOD JOB YOU BROUGHT THAT ALONG, I HAVE TO SAY.
I'M NEVER WITHOUT IT-- WHAT WAS THAT?

WHAT WAS WHAT?
I COULD HAVE SWORN I HEARD SOMETHING...

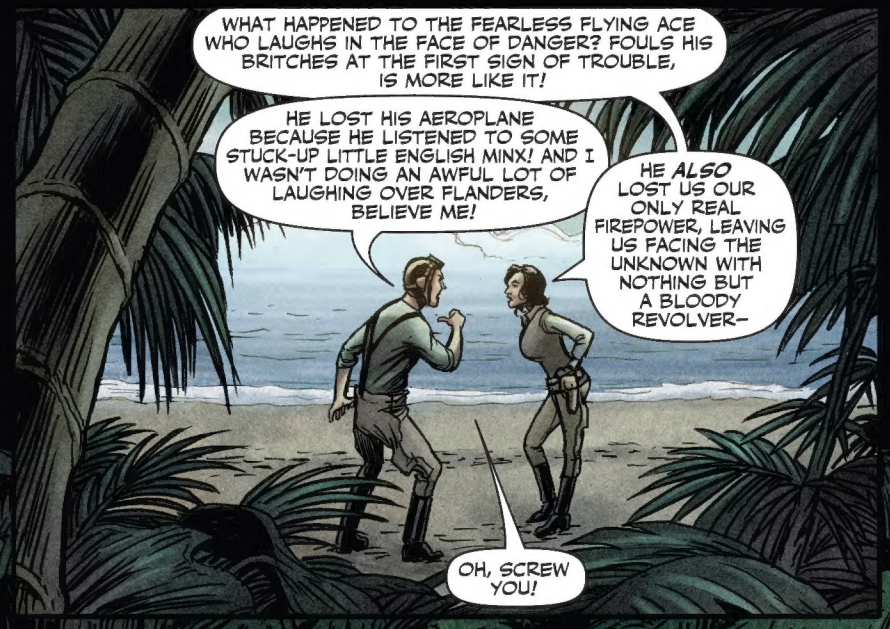
AAAAAAAAHHH!!!
OH JESUS! OH MY DEAR LORD!
SHOOT IT, FOR GOD'S SAKE!
WHUP–
OH, YOU BLOODY IDIOT--!

GLOOB-POOFFT-GAH-
SWIM!!

OH GOD– MONSTERS–
MONSTERS FROM BEYOND–
GOING TO GET US– ULK
TEAR US APART–
BLOOD! I'M SWIMMING IN BLOOD!
I'M IN HELL!
OH, STOP IT, YOU MILKSOP––!
WE'RE NEXT! WE HAVEN'T A HOPE!
ABANDON– ULK! HOPE!

MY HERO.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO MAKE COMMENTS LIKE THAT! YOU'RE THE ONE TOOK US PLEASURE-BOATING ON A SEA FULL OF LEVIATHANS!
GOD, CAN'T YOU STOP BLEATING FOR FIVE MINUTES...?


WHAT HAPPENED TO THE FEARLESS FLYING ACE WHO LAUGHS IN THE FACE OF DANGER? FOULS HIS BRITCHES AT THE FIRST SIGN OF TROUBLE, IS MORE LIKE IT!
HE LOST HIS AEROPLANE BECAUSE HE LISTENED TO SOME STUCK-UP LITTLE ENGLISH MINX! AND I WASN'T DOING AN AWFUL LOT OF LAUGHING OVER FLANDERS, BELIEVE ME!
HE *ALSO* LOST US OUR ONLY REAL FIREPOWER, LEAVING US FACING THE UNKNOWN WITH NOTHING BUT A BLOODY REVOLVER–
OH, SCREW YOU!

I *BEG* YOUR–
YOU HEARD ME! I'VE HAD IT UP TO HERE WITH YOU, LADY! YOU AND YOUR CONDESCENDING *CRAP!*
I'VE MET GIRLS LIKE YOU BEFORE! YOU ACT SO HIGH AND MIGHTY, YOU TALK A GOOD GAME ABOUT *INDEPENDENCE* AND *THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN* AND ALL THE REST OF IT– BUT WHEN THE CHIPS ARE DOWN, YOU KNOW YOU'RE GLAD THERE'S A–

MAN... AROUND...

HUH.
WE, UH...WE MIGHT JUST BE ALL RIGHT HERE AFTER ALL...
YOU TOOK THE WORDS RIGHT OUT OF MY MOUTH.
WHAT?
TO BE CONTINUED

Tyrant
Lizard
King
EMPIRE